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THE VILLAGE OF THE STARS*

(William Rose Benet, in memory of his wife.)

rue love runs wild and wildly understands.
ook the bread of heaven once from your two hands,
d your eyes are upon, even as I sing,
ying, 'Be of comfort, death is a little thing.'

h, magic child and woman, who crept into my heart,
ho hold me with strong arms from all the world apart—
, I will not say it—for your eyes grieve;
will say you draw us all to heaven—your heaven, by your leave!

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or true love runs wildly, and wildly understands,
took the sacrament of love from your two hands,
shall I climb the sunset hill and climb the pasture bars
nd meet you in our porch at last, in the village of the stars."

*(From "Perpetual Light," by William Rose Benet, Yale University Press.)

THE AFFIRMATIVE MIND

Why should we not assume the best, rather than e worst? If assumptions are in order, why not the appy ones most in order? Many guesses can not e proven; we have to accept much upon faith. Why ot, then, accept the best, the most loving, the kindst, the more agreeable? Why assume the worst, the epulsive, the depressing, the forlorn?

Shall we live after death? We may say "No," we ay equally as well say "Yes," but can prove neither Yes" nor "No." Why not do as humanity almost niversally does, say "Yes" until we have irrefutable vidence—proof positive that "No" is the only nswer?

We can not prove God; we may have some signs ointing insistently toward God. But no man can ompel another to believe that there is a God—by vidence. It is not a mathematical problem. Neither an one prove the sort of God He is. If a man efuses to believe in a God, he stands invincible in at denial.

But why say "No" about God—when "Yes" is better, is happier, is easier, is more inspiring and uplifting? The presumption in this universe is that he who believes on the higher, happier, holier side is believing on the truer. Otherwise the universe is a monstrous affair, dread and inexplicable.

But this universe is no monster; it is an ordered, orderly, blessed universe. It is easier to believe that a beneficent purpose underlies it. Therefore, say I, let us answer all perplexing questions on the "Yes" side; it is easier and happier, and more loving, and what is most to the point, more satisfying.

THE MAY-TIME OUTING

The fog and unseasonable chill of the morning of May 3rd could not cool the ardor of some thirty Pilgrims on their way to the Old Mill grove in Mill Valley. Neither could they shake the faith that in spite of appearances the day would be fine among the hills and trees. The confidence was not disappointed.

Upon arrival the Pilgrims wended their way along Cascade Drive studying birds, trees, and anon discussing theology and politics, which according to the Berkeley North pastor are one. So enjoyable was the jaunt it was difficult to get these 'lovers of the out-of-doors' back to the luncheon spread in the grove.

After the carnal man had been well satisfied, Prof. Bade opened up his treasures of information to an eagerly listening group. His storehouse is large and full, and is like the old curiosity shop in that you can get from it anything under the sun you may desire. We had a talk upon "Save the Redwoods," and then an open forum upon everything from Usher's chronology to the Einstein theory. It was a delightful, illuminating, inspiring session, and the vote of thanks to Prof. Bade was well deserved.

It has been thought that next May-time it will be possible to take our outing up in the Armstrong woods, near Guerneville, that Prof. Buckham has christened "Our Congregational Cathedral."

It was a happy day for all, though some familiar faces were missing from the group.

FACING THE FACTS

Forty-nine and one-half per cent of our Congregational churches in the United States report in our last year book not one addition to membership. That means that 2980 of our churches out of 6019 did not function toward the increase of membership, whatever other good work they have done. Adding to the roll is not everything, but it is something. Only one church out of six received more than ten members during the year.

The tragedy of life is for a man of village mind to occupy international position; too often do low ideals hold exalted rank.

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THERE WAS NO OPEN VISION

A four-page folder, 3 inches by 6 inches, has come to the editor's desk from the hand of Will H. Hays, Chairman of the National Republican Committee. There is a great deal of camouflage in it, but no open vision. It's clarion call to every man of that political coterie is to "vote the straight ticket" at the November election, no matter what candidate or what sort of a platform is put before the people by the Chicago convention. "Keep the ranks firm," cries the chairman, and look no where else but at "the opposition."

Does this mean that the chairman is already panicky at the thought of the independent vote of the country? The balance of power lies with the men who are "mugwumps." Does the astute chairman imagine that a 3 x 6 exhortation will dissuade the American voter from using his pristine privilege of thinking for himself and "scratching" to his heart's content?

Had the shrewd chairman used his ability in preparing a folder built somewhat on the scale of world issues rather than on the meager necessities of a party, he might stand a better chance of favorable hearing. But how could he do it? He does not know which way the convention is going to jump.

Of this, however, he and all others may be assured; the intelligent American voter of to-day is not going to be hoodwinked into allegiance to any man or measure that does not recognize America's duty to the world as well as America's opportunity for the world.

THE ASSOCIATIONS

The Sonoma Association met with the Santa Rosa, Todd, Church on Wednesday, May 5th, with an interesting afternoon and evening program. The sermon was preached by Rev. Isaac Cookman of Sonoma; Rev. J. K. Ballou of the Santa Rosa Federated Church gave an address upon "The Fundamental Institution of National Life." Rev. C. H. Dains of Guerneville spoke on Christian Education; Miss Elizabeth Benton on "Our Part in the Present Crisis," and Mrs. F. B. Perkins on the mysterious topic, "If," and Superintendent Rathbone conducted an open forum.

The Upper Bay Association met on May, 18-19, with the church at Pittsburg. The central theme was "Enlistment." The sermon was by Rev. G. S. Brett of Rio Vista. "A Year's Program for the Church" was discussed by Revs. N. F. Henderson, E. O. Chap and La Rue Watson. Rev. T. H. Dodd of Antioch spoke on "The Place of Evangelism in the Church" Rev. Edson Hale on "Religious Education in the Sunday School"; Supt. Rathbone on "The Interchurch Movement." The closing evening sessions was used by Paul Brown in an address on "The Christian Endeavor Society in a Minister's Program." It was a fine meeting.

The Sacramento Valley Association met at Auburn on May 11-12, with the following live topics: "Religious Education and Training," by W. H. Youngman of Loomis; "The Social Life" by G. W. Hinman "Christianizing the Community," by W. J. Johnson of Oroville; "Americanization," by C. E. Robinson of Grass Valley; "The Use of Motion Pictures" by W. K. Howe of Reno, and "The Church, its Objection and Realization," by Mrs. J. N. Ward of Auburn Rev. Harvey V. Miller of Sacramento preached the sermon.

The Santa Clara Association had a fine spiritual time at Campbell on May 12-13. "Power of the Vision" was the general theme. The sermon was Rev. A. W. Hare on "The Name Above Every Name" Rev. B. M. Palmer spoke on "Is the Seer Here" Rev. R. J. Roberts of the Baptist church discussed the "Modern Craze of Spiritualism," and Rev. E. King, "The Policy of Proportional Giving." Rev. C. Rolls was elected moderator for the coming year and Rev. B. C. Preston delegate to the International Council at Boston.

AMONG THE FOUR HUNDRED

The American Missionary Association has for years had its offices at Brenham Place, a spot at one side of the traffic and always inconvenient for Congregationalists who desired to confer with Secretary Hyman. The Association has decided to come into center of things; after the first of June, Dr. Hinman will be found at 427 Phelan Building. This brings this fine missionary agency's office into the "Congregational Row."

The Congregational offices will be found in line as follows, the American Board at 417-419 Phelan Building, the Woman's Board at 421, the Conference, the Home Missionary Society, and Pacific at 423-425, the American Association at 427. Look for us among the four hundred.

The next meeting of the State Conference is to be held at Asilomar from September 7 to 13. It is hoped to make this an educational session with a program constructive and onward-looking. There is some expectation that Dr. Frank M. Sheldon of the Education Society will be present to assist in making one of the memorable meetings of the Conference.

Up to date the Congregational World Movement Northern California figures up to $30,000 in actual pledges; there is more in sight.

AFTER THIRTY YEARS

After giving thirty years to the work of the Pacific School of Religion, during ten years of which he has directed its affairs as its head, Charles Sumner Nash has resigned the president's office on account of continued ill health and will take the year's leave of absence voted to him by the trustees.

Dr. Nash has not only been a leader in the work upon the Pacific Coast but has also had large part in our denominational work in the nation. During three years he was the Assistant Moderator of our National Council.

After a season of rest and recuperation Dr. Nash will return to the work of the school as President emeritus, and will occupy the chair of Church Polity.

Upon his retirement from the presidency he was presented with a volume of kindly letters from a host of friends the country o'er. His return to health and activity is hoped for by all.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

The Los Angeles First Church entertained 277 ministers and lay-folk of the Southern Conference on May 10, 11, 12. There were intensely interesting and illuminating addresses upon the Movies, the Interchurch and the Congregational World Movements, and upon Amusements. Prof. Graham Taylor of Chicago was present and gave an address of unusually high order. Rev. H. C. Ide was elected Moderator for the coming year.

It was voted that the churches continue to have their every member canvass on the first Sunday in December. It was also voted that the amount apportioned among the churches for the year be $100,000 and that the standard rate be fifteen cents per week per capita.

The final report of the Pilgrim Memorial Fund for the Conference is that with a quota of $154,000 the churches raised $166,823, which is nearly $13,000 over the top.

A summer Conference of Young People is being planned for study and recreation at Long Beach, from July 26 to August 1. By the generosity of the Long Beach Church the expense of the six days is to be $7.50.

AMERICANIZATION EFFORT

Stockton is a manufacturing city with all the problems that attend a rapid growth. The foreigners number about 13,000, and are Italians, Mexicans, Greeks, Chinese, Japanese, Hindus, with many Portuguese. The High School has night classes in English in different parts of the city. The Y. M. C. A. also has an Americanization secretary, while the Playgrounds Commission conducts a community center and other agencies are at work.

Some months ago the Social Service Department of the Congregational Church opened a class for Syrian women. A former teacher with missionary spirit and vision, a member of the church, was employed. The Syrian neighborhood was canvassed by the teacher assisted by a Red Cross visiting nurse. A class was organized in a Syrian home and has met twice a week for three months with an attendance of twelve, all that the room will accommodate.

The interest has been keen. English primers for foreigners have been used, supplemented by object lessons. The reaction upon the church has been excellent through the reports the teacher has made to the women's circles, and a general interest in the work has been developed.

EPITAPH OF AN AUTOMOBILIST

At 60 miles
Across he flew;
The fast mail came
At 62.

THE PILGRIM LEGION

South Berkeley church entertained the Pilgrim Legion on May 15th, with a small but earnest attendance .It was a fine looking band of young people with a prophecy of great usefulness in the service of God. Addresses were given by Ralph B. Larkin and Raymond C. Brooks, our Berkeley pastors. Perhaps the most impressive thing of the day was the session in which three young people told why they had decided to give themselves to a life service for Christ, two of them in the foreign field.

While the attendance was not what had been hoped, the meeting went "over the top" in spiritual power and uplift.

THE JOINERS WIN

The Presbyterians have observed that those churches which heartily co-operated in their New Era scheme are the ones that have had the best growth and are the most consistent givers. The one stumbling block to progress in the churches is the minister who is afraid to give his people a chance to join in the forward movements of the denomination.

As a rule those churches which held back and said it could not be done. are the ones which are not doing it, and worse still are making it so difficult for others to do it. Let the pastor be a leader in every good work, let him expect big things from his church, and he will see things done that will amaze him by their success.

BE AN INFORMED CONGREGATIONALIST

If every Congregationalist member knew more about his denomination's work, its glorious achievements in the past, and its heroic program for the future, gifts and prayers and service would be many fold easier. Few men give for what they care not; few men care for what they do not know.

If men knew the dire needs and the plans for meeting them, they would give more generously and they would seek further opportunities of service. A campaign of education would necessarily be followed by a campaign of serving.

The Bay Association at a special meeting appointed delegates to the International Council as follows: Rev. Dennis Goodsell, Rev. W. W. Furze, Rev. William Pond and Rev. William Floyd.

THE INSTITUTION

I love thy church, O God;
For her my tears shall fall,
For her my prayers ascend.

Fruitvale, Oakland

Easter day added 17 new members to the church, eleven upon confession. The congreations are larger than usual and the work prospering in many ways. The pastor, Charles F. Clarke, preached recently to a large congregation of Masons on "The Temple of Character." He has been speaking lately on "The Sins of the Saints," "Heart-craft," "Selling the Gospel", and "The Diamond Cutter."

San Jose

The church has voted the pastor, Rev. E. A. King, a vacation for two months for recuperation. His 23rd anniversary of entrance into the ministry was observed by the church. He has been preaching on "Witnessing," "Power," and "Growth." The church has made large use of motion pictures with success. The mid-week meeting group have been studying Fosdick's "Meaning of faith," with much spiritual profit. The moderator of the church, Joseph T. Brooks, has been elected to the city council.

Pomona, Pilgrim

This mother-church of Pomona College is carrying on in high grade service. Since January 1, thirty-nine new members have been added, eight on confession. In February Hubert Whitehead came from Tacoma as Director of Religious Education. Already he has organized the young people of high school age into a "Pilgrim Klan," officered by Chieftain, Assistant, Scribe and Keeper of Seal. This "Klan" holds religious services before the Sunday evening meeting, and also social gatherings very much after the pattern of young people's societies, but uses topics especially suited to the high school age and related to the needs of the times. A "Mayflower Fellowship" of older people has been formed who gather together once a month for sociability and hold themselves ready for service as opportunity shall offer. A group of "Campfire Girls" is another new organization among the young people. This church has a paid staff of workers giving full time to the work,—the pastor, Mr. Whitehead, and Rev. William N. Burr, church secretary. William Orr Wark is in his fifth year of service as pastor of this church.

Oleander

This community refuses to let the church die. Supt. Rathbone visited the field awhile ago, expecting to officiate at a funeral and found he was called upon to assist in the resurrection; the church is on its feet again and the community is standing behind it. All honor to the church that refuses to die.

Oakland Plymouth

The pastor, Dr. Kloss, is preaching paragraph sermons at the evening service. On the evening of May 16 his three paragraphs were on "The Anti-Japanese Agitation," "Will the saloon Come Back?" and "What is Spirituality?" The Wednesday evening prayer meeting thoughts are based upon daily Bible readings provided for the people by the church bulletin. The membership of the Plymouth Center has passed the 500 mark. The last week in May is set aside in this church as a "week of friendly visiting."

Loomis

Special outdoor services were held on Sunday, May 16, for the breaking of ground for the new church and community center. For six months the people have been gathering resources and working upon plans for a new $15,000 structure. Supt. Rathbone was present as speaker for the occasion. Different members also took part in the exercises. Mrs. Belle Swetzer the only charter member of the church was elected to remove the first soil for the foundation. Mr. and Mrs. John Swetzer and their two sons furnished orchestral music for the occasion. The old church is being torn down and excavation will begin at once.

Reedley

On May 9 an Armenian church came into existence and was received into the Congregational fellowship by Dr. Rathbone. It starts out with a charter membership of twenty-four.

Stockton

Last September the church by vote set for itself a goal of 100 new members by June 1st. During the winter months the effort of pastor and church committee was centered upon winning adults to confession of faith and gathering up church letters from people who held their memberships elsewhere. In addition to 19 which were received earlier in the year 23 were received on Easter Sunday, and eight, unable to be received Easter came the Sunday following Sunday. Of the total of 50 thus far received all but three are adults, and these three are young men of high school age. Twenty-four came by letter and 26 by confession of faith, of which 11 were baptised. The effort of the pastor and church is now turned to the Sunday School where the results of a decision day and pastor's class are expected to bring a large class into church membership on Children's Day. The Fisk Jubilee Singers appeared before the largest crowd ever assembled in the church since its dedication, on Thursday, April 15. An offering of $130 was given them.

Campbell

Six were received into membership Easter Sunday. The same evening a pageant was given that brought out a crowded house. A guild committee is specializing in pageants and frequently the evening service is enriched by these attractive and appealing presentations. At the last "Fellowship" supper and social the new members were guests of honor. The church went over the top in its two thousand dollar Pilgrim Fund quota. The Santa Clara Association met with this church May 12-13.

Berkeley First

Thirty-five new members came into the church family recently, seven of them upon confession of faith. The boys and girls in the preparation class have yet some work to do, and most of them will wait until the fall before being received. Already a goodly number of adults have indicated their desire to join at that time. The church oversubscribed its Pilgrim Mem-

al Fund quota of $15,000. While it has not yet eached the $7,000 asked for in the Congregational World Movement drive, it is on its way there.

Oakland Pilgrim

Nine persons were received into membership on May 4, six of whom came upon confession. Within the past six months the church has paid over two hundred dollars on its debt; it pledged nearly $400 on the Pilgrim Fund, and has raised $220 on the Emergency drive. Dr. Frear, who will be 92 years old on August 16th next, gave on a recent Sunday a most interesting account of the Christianizing of the Hawaiian Islands, in observance of the Centenary celebration.

Ceres

Rev. W. J. Speers has resigned his pastorate here to accept a call to the Sunset church in San Francisco, Rev. John Brerton having sometime ago given up the pastorate there. Since January 1, ten new members have been added to the church, six on confession. Mr. Speers will take with him the best wishes not only of the churches but of the whole community. This church is now looking for a pastor, it is an important field, being in the very heart of San Joaquin Valley and never has allowed a saloon in the town.

Fresno, Pilgrim Armenian

The Pilgrim Memorial Fund Drive was concluded on April 18th. It has yielded 68 different names with a total subscription of $1,607.50. Our quota was $1,500. On Sunday morning, April 11th, 23 children were presented for baptism. At present there are no indications of race suicide in this parish. Our Sabbath audiences tax the seating capacity of the house to the utmost. If the auditorium were fifty per cent larger, we could fill it. So far well and good. But the attendance at the mid-week prayer meeting is discouragingly small. We understand the malady and know the remedy, but we have not found the specific method of treatment required.

Berkeley, Park

The Easter services were splendidly attended; the morning audience was 490 and the evening congregation amounted to 260. The church was very happy in receiving into its membership 32, 26 of whom came upon confession of their faith. A splendid increase for a church reporting in the last year book a membership of 81.

Mill Valley

A friendly contest in the Christian Endeavor Society has resulted in a decided increase of attendance at the evening meetings and a more than 100 per cent increase in membership. Chaplain Laizure of the San Quentin prison addressed the young people on the evening of May 9th, and made a fine impression.

Alturas

Rev. A. P. Orth, the pastor, has tried an experiment He sent out requests to the men of the community for criticisms. He wanted to know why the men do not attend church. (So do all of us.) He got many replies, he preached a series of sermons on—"The Real Reason Some Men do Not go to Church," "Some Good Reasons for not Going," "Why Some Men do go to Church," and "Why Everybody Ought to go." Of course everybody was at church and the pastor had a fine chance to preach to people he does not usually reach.

INDIVIDUALISM AND THE GOSPEL

The Congregationalist of March 4th contained an article by a Boston pastor, in which he says: "The modern young man is far more interested in the social bearings of the Christian religion than in private piety . He belongs to a generation passing through a normal healthy and entirely valid reaction against religious individualism."

I note that this writer is pastor of a church with 377 resident members. He and they in one year secured one member upon confession of faith; they had a net loss of ten.

Another article in the same issue presented extracts from letters of pastors who evidently do believe in "religious individualism." I examined their records. One had a church of 822 members, and added 33 on confession; another with 445 members added likewise 50; and another with 241 members added 19 on confession.

I am not disputing the fact as to the sort of preaching "the modern young man is interested in," but I do question whether the process of "reaction against religious individualism" is "normal, healthy and entirely valid."

Grant the "social gospel" a place in our preaching, but I do protest against calling anything a gospel which is empty of Christ and a personal saviour.

Thomas Chalmers' first pastorate was in a well-behaved rural town of Scotland. He conceived it to be his calling to preach a social gospel, but he confessed that after some years of service the community was just where he had found it. After receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit he turned to preaching Christ as a personal saviour. It was then that the results which he had sought through a high-toned but Christless preaching began to appear.

Called to Edinburg he chose, so I have read, the slum district of that ccity, and again the uplifting power of his real gospel appeared; the community was cleansed because souls one by one were saved.

So it has been always and everywhere. Indeed how are you to purify and elevate public sentiment, except by a personal work in the individuals of whom the community is composed? This is foundation work, and it is this that Christ calls his church to do. Individuals receiving Christ into their hearts and lives, thus new-born, this is what, through Christ, his church has to give a world in which Satan still rules extensively.

If the church forgets or ignores this, it fails utterly, and in its failure all hope for mankind expires. But Christ's church will not thus turn its back upon the Master's great commission.

W. C. P.

Sentinel—"Halt! Who goes there-"

Voice—"Private Smith."

Sentinel—"You can't get away with that because I'm Private Smith."—Judge.

THE PRAYERS OF CHILDREN

I like to think that everywhere,
When the day is softly done
The prayers of children, like a torch,
Are arising upward, ev'ry one,
In pure and whitely glowing light,
Countless guide-posts, shining bright
That angels, watching overhead,
May find each snowy, sleepy bed.

WET CHURCHES

The Press-Democrat of Santa Rosa had this bit of news the other day:

Thursday morning there was another large shipment of wine from this city for Sacramental purposes, being only another of many shipments of this character since distinct labeling of wine shipments became necessary with the coming into effect of the dry law. Thursday morning's shipment went to Los Angeles for use by church organizations in that city.

Recently a nearby winery reported an order for eighty thousand gallons of wine to be shipped East for Sacramental and medicinal uses.

MONDAY CLUB

May 10. Rev. Willis P. Elwood of the Madura Mission happened to be present and very acceptably took the place of the speaker of the day who had not put in an appearance. Mr. Elwood's home is in Dindigul, South India. He gave a picture of his parish, 1800 square miles in area, with a population of half a million, rather a large field for one man. The Christians of many villages are grouped together in a church, making a membership of about a thousand to each. His field compries 1700 villages, in only 84 of these are native Christians living, leaving a large mass of the people with not a Christian among them. He said that everybody with scarcely an exception is willing to hear the gospel. The missionary sets up his outfit outside of the village, and the crowd will gather to hear his message and to see his pictures. The whole village will come out. "If only there were a glad response to the Gospel!" The Hindu heart is like all human hearts. The native Christians set a quota of 1,000 new members, very much after the pattern of our own churches this winter. By prayer and meditation and exhortation the end of the year revealed 1,046 members added to the churches. The workers had gone over the top.

May 17. A vivid word picture of the Centennial celebration of the arrival of the missionaries in the Hawaiian Islands was the offering of Dr. F. J. Van Horn, who had just returned from a visit to the Islands as a delegate. He arrived at the same moment the Prince of Wales reached the shores and they together had a royal welcome. The pageant displaying before the eye the one hundred years and more of the natives was colorful and splendid and pathetic. There were addresses galore, sermons of usual length repreached through the interpreters, there were choir contests and great singing festivals, parades and the usual Hawaiian hospitality.

Dr. Van Horn brought some good news, as witness the hope that at last a real specific for leprosy has been found, by which the children may be saved from that fearful scourge; he also brought back with him some of the more recent problems that are staring the dwellers there in the face. Is statehood to be thought of, with such a preponderance of young Japanese born in the Islands and so voters when they come of age, whether or no they are Americans at heart?

The native population so long time vanishing through the "vices of civilization" (save the mark!) seems to have reached low water; there seems to be some hope that now the native population may begin to grow more rather than less.

The testimony of one school teacher was to the effect that the Japanese children who spend almost as much time in the Japanese schools as they do in the American, are not growing in loyalty to this land and its institutions.

The Federate School of Missions meets at Mount Hermon July 5-12. All Congregationalists invited to be there.

OUR MAILING LIST

We are progressing. We might do better. But we are doing something, which is something. Advance is better than retreat. So we are happy.

	Feb. 1	June 1 June 1
Northern California	395	568
Southern California	198	182
Oregon	29	30
Washington	44	42
Elsewhere	65	64
	731	886

Is your church doing its part? This is a denominational affair. Let us all se if we cannot boost our total above the 1,000 mark before the next issue. That means 114 new paid subscribers in the next thirty days. The Sunnyvale Church, Rev. C. C. Marshall, pastor, leads the honor roll in May with eleven new subscribers.

The Los Angeles Summer School of Missions will hold its 12th annual session in the First Church of that city from May 31 to June 4th. Mrs. H. L. Hill of New York will lead on "The Church and the Community"; Mrs. S. G. Wilson of Pasadena on "The Bible and Missions"; Dr. James A. Francis will conduct Bible study, and others equally good. Normal and Methods classes will be provided with good leaders. The sessions begin at 9:45 a. m. There will be illustrated songs, tableaux and other good things.

There was an attendance of 47 officers and enough delegates and visitors to bring the total up to over 200 at the annual meeting of the Southern California Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary organization in Santa Ana on April 21 and 22. "The challenge of the hour," was the central theme of the meeting. Miss Sarah E. Bundy conducted a parliament of methods. A pageant entitled "The Torch-bearers" was dramatically presented.

THE INDIVIDUAL

A race of nobles may die out,
A royal line may leave no heir;
Wise Nature sets no guards about
Her pewter plate and wooden ware;
But they fail not—the kinglier breed—
Who starry diadems attain;
To dungeon, axe, and stake succeed
Heirs of the old heroic strain.

Dr. James L. Gordon, pastor of San Francisco First, preached in the Stanford Memorial Church on Sunday morning May 9th. It was a fine audience, and by the testimony of those who heard, it was a great sermon.

Rev. George H. DeKay, who has been in the Interchurch work in Nevada reports that he traveled about 5,000 miles in that state, but the returns were not encouraging. Nevada is a hard field to work in. He found some communities with gambling licensed by the state. Surely a deplorable condition, and one not much the credit of that commonwealth. Mr. DeKay has been chosen as director of the Service Club at Fort McDowell, and is already at work. It will be recalled that the government took over all the welfare work awhile ago. The director will be glad to have the assistance of lecturers, singers and other who have something good to bring to the soldier boys.

Rev. Rowland B. Dodge has resigned from the faculty of the Pacific School of Religion and has accepted the position of Associate Superintendent for the Bay region. He will begin service for the churches about the Bay on August 1. Mr. Dodge is especially fitted for this responsible work and will not only prove an acceptable worker but will also have a cordial welcome from all our churches.

Rev. William Floyd, for many years the pastor of the Oceanview Church, San Francisco, but more recently of the Bethany in Berkeley, plans to leave about the first of June for a trip back to Toronto, Canada. He will visit a brother whom he has not seen for a dozen years or so. He has well earned the vacation, and his friends wish him a happy journey and a safe and contented return.

Secretary Charles E. Burton of the Congregational Extension Societies is expected in San Francisco the first part of June. The Trustees of the Northern Conference are planning for a luncheon in his honor on June 3 to which the pastors of the vicinity will be cordially invited. Dr. Burton wants to know the conditions of our work out in this part of Uncle Sam's domain, and to discuss with the workers the needs and plans of the future.

Rev. James M. Campbell, author and preacher, had a notable celebration of his eightieth birthday on May 3. A large group of Congregational ministers participated in it. Dr. Campbell gave an address in the chapel of the First Church, Los Angeles, on "What I Would do if I Had My Ministry to Live Over Again." In the afternoon he read a paper on "Prominent Divines Whom I Have Known." A purse of $100 was given to him with the hope that he might complete the century of life. Dr. Campbell is pastor of the Manhattan Beach church, and was ordained in 1866, thus having been in the ministry 54 years.

Rev. A. B. MacLeod has resigned his pastorate of the Claremont church, and purposes going back East.

Rev. E. J. Singer has been seriously ill for the past ten days. To the comfort of his many friends all about this state it is reported that he has lately been ipmroving, though he is far from being out of danger. The prayers of many will arise for this friend of the churches.

Rev. Frank S. Scudder for thirteen years superintendent of the Japanese department of the Hawaiian Board of Missions will be the guest of the Pacific School of Religion for a few weeks.

Dr. Richard Roberts of the Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn, N. Y., has been spending a month at Stanford University as college pastor and lecturer. He has been doing a wonderfully fine work among the students.

The meeting of the Home and Foreign Women at San Mateo was well attended on May 18th, Mrs. Van Horn presiding. Mrs. Ellwood of India and Mrs. Rathbone spoke upon the foreign and home work. Luncheon was taken in one of the hotels, thus securing a large attendance of ladies from the local church at the meetings.

Prof. J. W. Buckham, who has been serving the Pilgrim Church as pastor, closes his pastorate there. The church will probably be supplied by a student from the School of Religion.

Dr. Doremus Scudder of Tokio, Japan, passed through the city recently on his way East. He is pastor of the Union Church (foreign) in Tokio. It is reported that the Interchurch have promised $250,000 for a community project in that city. Business men, both British and American, will erect dormitories there for men and women.

Rev. A. P. Orth has done such fine work at Alturas that his church has increased his salary recently by $500. Congratulations to both pastor and people.

Rev. William A. Schwimley of Lodi has been called to the Calvary Church of Oakland, to succeed Mr. Price who has gone into Chautauqua work. Mr. Schwimley has accepted and will enter upon his new pastorate on July 1.

Mrs. Prudence W. Kofoid has an interesting article upon the Doshisha in the May issue of the Bulletin of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific. The little paper sells for 25c per year, and appeals to a host of women in our churches.

Rev. and Mrs. Wilis P. Elwood of Dindiguil, India, have just arrived in San Francisco on furlough. They are both interesting speakers and will be available for a while to such churches as seek their valuable services. There is nothing so stimulating for the missionary life of the churches as to have some one thoroughly acquainted with the foreign field to tell the story at first hand.

Said the Governor of Kansas, "Today the type that protests against the prohibitory law in this State has practically disappeared. The prohibitory law is as thoroughly established in Kansas as the law against highway robbery."

CELEBRATING THE PILGRIM FATHERS

The fourth decennial meeting of the International Congregational Council will be held in Boston, June 29th to July 6th, next. It will be a great gathering, leaders from all parts of the world will be present and on the program. Every church in this country is asked to appoint delegates and to send their names in to Clifford H. Smith, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York.

Among the important themes to be discussed are: "The World of 1620 and the World of 1920," by Dr. Gibbon of London and Raymond Robbins of America; "The Spiritual Import of Congregationalism," "The Contribution of Congregationalism to Civil and Religious Liberty," "Congregationalism and the Social Order."

Prof. John Wright Buckham, representing the Pacific Coast, will speak on "Congregationalism in the Field of Religious Thought."

JUDGMENT OF A MAN WHO KNOWS

When questioned concerning the conduct of the British Government in India, Rev. W. P. Elwood, for nearly thirty years a missionary in India, said:

"The British Government is just where it ought to be. If it should take its hands off there would be confusion worse confounded in that land, bloodshed and riot and persecution. I can not imagine a better government than Britain is bringing to India to-day. Of course, she has made her mistakes; but the United States also has. No government is perfect."

OUR NAME

The name "Pacific" does not mean anything; it's a notion, as Oliver Wendell Holmes said concerning the Atlantic Monthly. This paper has carried the title for many years. Some people would be sorry to lose the name. Others would be glad to have it changed to something that will tell what the mission of this little monthly is.

How would it do to have a referendum upon the matter. If you have a better name in your mind, send it in to the editor. One has suggested "Pacific Congregationalist," which sounds good and tells something of the nature of the publication.

If you are interested, let us have your vote.

For delegates and visitors to the International Council in Boston a special train will be run from San Francisco and Los Angeles leaving June 21. It will be a special Congregational train, full of good people. Those wishing information concerning rates and itinerary write to Temple Tours, 200 Claus Spreckles Building, San Francisco.

The Interchurch drive according to latest reports amounts to $179,000,000. Of that large amount only $3,000,000 came from the friendly group, and the other $176,000,000 came from the people in the churches. The drive is not finished; and the pledges are still coming in.

TO LIVE

If this publication is to live and do the work it i planned to do it must have a more earnest and loya support of the pastors and members of our churches The Conference trustees have said that 20% of th total membership of each church ought to be th minimum of subscribers from that church. Som churches have not more than one on the list. Som pastors do not take it. It is up to the churches t determine what this paper shall be.

One man over ninety years of age went out and i a few hours secured the 20% quota for his churc Why would this not be a good job for some wide awake member of your young people's society. The are willing to do things for the church, and they ca put things over, too. Why not employ them? Try i

THE TITHERS LEAGUE

On the Sunday morning of the drive for the Co gregational World Movement one pastor told h people that if they did not like so many drives h could tell them how to get rid of all necessity fo them; "Become tithers, and it will furnish so muc money that drives will be out of order."

A communication has reached our desk from th Congregational Tithers League, under the auspices the Chicago Theological Seminary, offering to se to any pastor "enough of either one of the followi pamphlets to supply all the families of the congreg tion." The pamplets offered are, "Is the Tithe Debt", by Brummitt. "Proportionate Giving," by Rob Speer; "How to Tithe and Why," by a layman. A plications are to be made to The Layman Co., 143 Wabash Ave., Chicago.

The League has for its goal one hundred thousa Congregational tithers. When we consider that o Congregational people do not as a rule give mo than one per cent of their income for the church a missions, it is about time that we began educati ourselves as well as the rest of the people on the du of giving.

The Methodist churches claim to have secured 25 000 tithers in their Centenary Movement. Let us join the grand march.

The Woman's Board of Missions of the Pres terian Church reports 2,864 groups in mission stu classes; the Assembly's Board of Home Missio reports 290, making over three thousand such class How are we Congregationalists measuring up alo side of that success?

The Methodists used to give for missions 90 ce per capita, their Centenary drive took them up $6.18.

Congregationalists are asked to rise from $2.42 member for missions to $6.44. Can they do it? they do it on April 25?

Americans, all ages, average 70 cents per week tobacco, while Congregationalists, adults, average their churches only 25 cents.